

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (new): A method of transporting an animal comprising:

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Claims 1-14
Claim 21 (new): A method of transporting an animal comprising:
placing an animal transport cart near an animal needing transport, said cart comprising a polygonal shaped frame having at least one joint that allows said frame to be folded, a support sheet that is removably attached to said frame, at least one wheel attached to said frame and which allows for a rolling movement of the cart, and a locking mechanism, wherein said locking mechanism may be selectively engaged allowing said frame to have a substantially planar orientation;

locating said support sheet substantially adjacent to said animal to allow said animal to rest on said support sheet; and

imparting a force to said animal transport cart so as to roll said cart to a different location.

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein said cart further comprises straps that may be used to secure said animal to said animal transport cart.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein said straps are connected to said support sheet.

Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 21, further comprising:
at least partially detaching said support sheet from said frame prior to locating said support sheet substantially adjacent to said animal.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 24, further comprising:
reconnecting said support sheet to said frame prior to imparting a force to said animal transport cart.

Claim 26 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein said support sheet is substantially rigid.

Claim 27 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein said support sheet is flexible

Claim 28 (new): The method of claim 25, wherein:
said support sheet contains at least one handle, and said handle is used to carry said support sheet either before or after said support sheet is located substantially adjacent to said animal.

Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 21, further comprising:
removing the animal from the transport cart; and
cleaning the support sheet after removing the animal from the transport cart.

Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 21, further comprising:
folding said animal transport cart after transporting said animal.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 21, further comprising:
unfolding said animal transport cart before locating said support sheet substantially adjacent to said animal.

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Claim 32 (new): An animal transport unit comprising:
a substantially polygonal frame that is capable of surrounding a large animal and capable of being configured in a substantially planar orientation;
a removable support sheet that is detachably connected to said frame to facilitate placement under an animal, and which extends substantially across said frame;
and
a plurality of wheels attached to said frame.

Claim 33 (new): The animal transport unit of claim 32, further comprising:
a securing belt having a quick-release fastener, wherein said belt is affixed to
said support sheet and capable of securing an animal to said support sheet.

Claim 34 (new): A method of transporting an animal comprising:
placing a frame substantially around an animal, where said frame is connected
to at least two wheels;
locating a support sheet substantially adjacent to said animal to allow said
animal to rest on said support sheet;
securing said animal to said support sheet;
applying a force to said frame so as to cause said wheels to roll.

Claim 35 (new): The method of claim 34, wherein said frame placing step and said support
sheet locating step are performed simultaneously.